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For : TAMPON, ESPECIALLY FOR FEMININE HYGIENE, AND A  
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**AMENDMENT****In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-12, 15, 16, 20 and 23 as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A tampon for feminine hygiene, comprising a generally cylindrical absorbent portion having a generally cylindrical and substantially filled compressed fibre core from which longitudinal ribs extend radially outwardly, each of the ribs having a distal end, a proximal end attached to the fibre core, and a coarser capillary structure than the fibre core, each of the ribs being separated from adjacent ribs at the proximal